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Assignee : Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.

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Group Art Unit : 1764

For : REFORMING APPARATUS FOR MAKING A CO-REDUCED REFORMED GAS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in Response to Final Office Action Mailed July 11, 2006** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☒ A Supplemental Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and 37 C.F.R. §1.175.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

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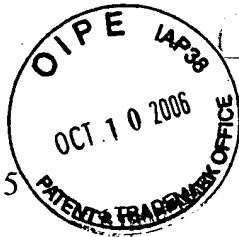
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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2006, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until October 11, 2006.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary. However, if any extension of time is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of

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time fee and/or any required fees to maintain the pendency of this application to

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Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.